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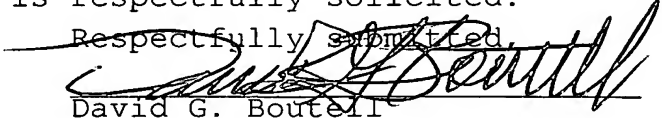
More specifically, EP 11 99 591 A1 is mentioned in Applicant's specification. The aforesaid European reference corresponds to U.S. Publication No. 2002/0044256 A1.

DE 36 08 515 (which corresponds to US-4 856 872) and DE 691 14 563 (which corresponds to US-5 056 902) constitute the additional art known to the Applicant and are believed to be distinguishable from the claimed invention.

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Further consideration is respectfully solicited.

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